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SUBJECT: REPORTS OF INCREASED TENSION ON GOLAN

1. REGIONAL NEWSWEEK CORRESPONDENT, WHO HAS BEEN IN DAMASCUS FOR PAST WEEK, TOLD US OCT 23 HE HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY NEWSWEEK NEW YORK TO FOLLOW UP ON REPORTS "FROM STATE DEPARTMENT AND PENTAGON SOURCES" THAT THERE WERE MILITARY MOVEMENTS AND INCREASED TENSION ALONG GOLAN FRONT. HE WAS BACK OCT 25 SAYING NEW YORK OFFICE HAD CALLED HIM AGAIN PREVIOUS EVENING TO FOLLOW UP ON REPORT FROM "STATE DEPARTMENT SOURCE" THAT SYRIANS WERE MOBILIZING RESERVES. NEWSWEEK INSTRUCTED HIM TO STAY IN DAMASCUS AT LEAST UNTIL TUESDAY IN EVENT "SOMETHING HAPPENED."

2. COMMENT: FOR THE RECORD, CONVERSATIONS OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS WHETHER BY TELEPHONE OR TELEX ARE OF COURSE MONITORED BY SYRIAN SECURITY AND WHAT IS ATTRIBUTED TO STATE DEPARTMENT SOURCES IS LIKELY TO BE UNDERSTOOD HERE AS ORIGINATING FROM THIS MISSION. REALIZE THAT THERE IS NOT MUCH TO BE DONE BUT WOULD NOTE THIS PLAYBACK IS CONTRIBUTING TO SPREAD OF RUMORS AND ITSELF HELPING RAISE
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